

**Amendments**

In the specification:

On page 1 of the specification, please **replace** the section entitled “CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS” with the following **amended** paragraph:

**CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application ~~claims the benefit of priority to~~ is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Serial No. 10/740,146, entitled “Prevention and Treatment of Cardiac Arrhythmias,” filed December 17, 2003, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/434,508, filed December 17, 2002; and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/434,888, filed December 19, 2002, all of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.